



### **FORT MOTT** Salem County

A highlight of Salem County is Fort Mott, a 104 acre state park located northwest of the town of Salem.

The land, originally known as Finn's Point, was acquired in 1838 by the federal government to help fortify the mouth of the Delaware River. In 1863, two acres were set aside as a cemetery for Confederate prisoners of war who died while in the prison camp.

On December 16, 1897, a War Department general order was issued designating the fort in honor of Major-General Gersham Mott, a native New Jerseyman.

General Mott served with distinction during the Civil War, possessing qualities of the highest order. His division was known for efficiency, courage and endurance of its men.

In 1865, Mott received a promotion to the rank of full Major-General of Volunteers becoming the first New Jersey officer to receive this rank. General Mott resigned his commission in 1866.

From 1866 to 1882 General Mott held several appointment positions, among them being Treasurer of New Jersey, Keeper of the New Jersey State Prison and Major-General commanding the National Guard of New Jersey.

General Mott died on November 29, 1884. In 1951 Fort Mott was dedicated as a state park.

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